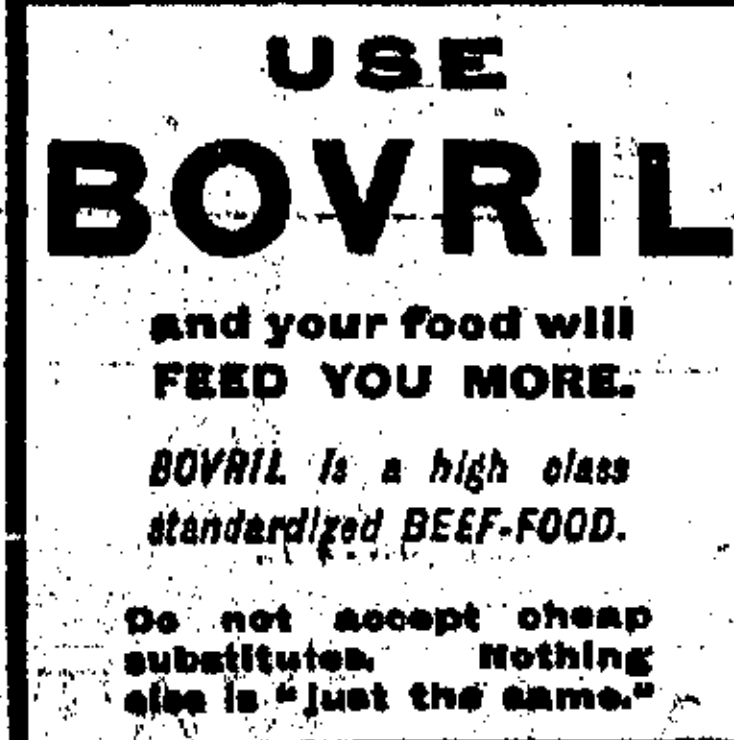


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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 5TH, 1912.

A VERY interesting article from the some-

what prolific pen of Count Okuma on the

immigration problem as it affects the Japan-

ese has appeared in a Japanese magazine.

Everyone is familiar with the fact that

Japan feels deeply hurt by the attitude

adopted by the United States and the British

Colonies—Australia and South Africa particu-

larly towards emigration from Japan.

"We all rejoice," writes Count OKUMA,

"that we have the respect of foreign nations

and stand on an equal international footing,

but we are met with the contradiction that

as individuals we are despised." That is a

very sweeping statement to make, and like

most sweeping statements of the kind, con-

tains but half a truth. Count OKUMA him-

self clearly understands the nature of the

objections to Japanese immigration into

the countries of the white men. He

recognises that the race prejudice mani-

fest in the countries he enumerates is not due

to "the colour of the skin," but rather to a

difference in customs and manners,

originating, he says, from religion;

and in addition to these social customs

there are political differences which are

repellent to the indigenous populations.

He illustrates his meaning by saying that

when a large number of Japanese congregated

at any one point in America, they set up a

village in regular Japanese style, start a

school and begin crilling their children in loy-

alty and patriotism, and they strictly adhere

to Japanese customs and manners. The result is that when they wish to mingle with Americans they are not qualified. They are utterly indifferent to the manners and customs of the country, and show no adaptability to their surroundings. So the disposition shown by the Americans to refuse to have anything to do with our immigrants, is, he says, a natural feeling. Count OKUMA, in his article, dilates on the increasing population of Japan, and insists that the question of disposing of the surplus population which the resources of Japan cannot support is likely to be one of increasing seriousness. Since the Restoration the population of Japan has increased by twenty-three millions, and he finds the explanation in the results of modern civilisation—the prohibition of the practice of abortion, the introduction of vaccination, a growing knowledge of the laws of sanitation, and the advance of medical science in Japan. While the population has been growing at a very rapid rate, there has been no corresponding increase in the area of land under cultivation—there is, we should imagine, very little room in Japan for development in this direction—but there has, nevertheless, been a great increase in production due to improved methods of cultivation. This increase, however, has been inadequate to the growing needs of the nation, hence we find that even in years of bountiful rice harvests, wheat, flour, and beans have to be imported. He concludes that Japan's only hope is in emigration. He cites the example of Italy as one which it would profit Japan to follow. "One hundred million yen worth of food-stuff," he writes, "is imported into that country; the balance of trade is against them; they depend on foreign capital and have to pay a large sum in interest. But all this is met by the money their nationals who have gone to other countries save and send home. These are said to number more than five millions. These people while supporting themselves in a foreign land send home annually Yen 250,000,000. This pays Italy's interest on borrowed capital, makes up the balance that is against her in foreign commerce and supplies her with food she cannot produce in her own territory. Our people do not enjoy the same privileges of emigrating freely to other countries, and as the population increase the struggle for existence becomes fiercer and fiercer. This, then, is the problem that is confronting us." It strikes us as strange that Count OKUMA in his article says absolutely nothing of the possibilities of emigration to Japan's own Colonies—Formosa and Korea—or even to Manchuria. He has exclusively in mind emigration to the white countries—to America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—and the lesson he seeks to enforce is that Japan must change her whole educational system. "We cannot live the isolated life we once lived. . . . No country, however strong, can now live in and by itself. For this reason, I contend that a system of education that fosters a narrow patriotism only, and turns out a class of men out of sympathy with world-wide influences is useless, may harmful." He tells his people that if Japan is to take her place in the world, it is important for her "to break up this religious and racial prejudice." What Count OKUMA thinks to-day Japan will probably think to-morrow; and in view of the great transformation in Japan that has already taken place in the last fifty years, he would be a bold man who would venture to say that the Japanese people can no more discard their "religious and racial prejudices" than the Ethiopian can change his skin or the leopard his spots. The process, however, must necessarily be a slow one, and meanwhile Japan would be better advised to seek a solution of her population problem in emigration to her own Colonies.

To-day being Good Friday, there will, as customary, be no issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* to-morrow, but should the telegrams received to-day contain intelligence of exceptional interest, they will be issued as an "Extra."

The Regimental Gymkhana takes place at Happy Valley to-morrow.

The "Messiah" is to be sung at St. John's Cathedral at 9.15 to-night.

Two ricksha coolies were yesterday fined \$3 each for refusing to accept hire.

Special collections will be made at the Easter Day services in St. John's Cathedral in aid of the Cathedral funds, which are at a sadly low ebb.

For importing into the Colony a quantity of dutiable liquors without paying duty, a Chinese was yesterday fined \$25 or a month's imprisonment.

A constable yesterday arrested a woman for carrying a pail of pigwash along Des Voux Road. A Chinese came to her rescue and assaulted the constable. He was charged at the Magistracy yesterday, and was fined \$10 or a month's imprisonment.

Messrs. Moutrie & Co.'s store will be open for two hours on Monday for the booking for the Bandmann Co. performance. The plans have been changed at the Theatre, and ticket-holders can only have the seats they have booked for under the change.

The water return for the month of March shows that on April 1st there were 315,613,000 gallons stored on the island as against 256,332,000 gallons on the same date last year. The consumption of water per head in the City and Hill districts during the month of March was 15.9 gallons per day, as against 17.3 gallons during the corresponding period last year. There was an intermittent supply by the rider mains in the rider main districts during the month of March in both years. The storage in the Kowloon reservoirs on April 1st totalled 258,480,000 gallons, as compared with 219,960,000 gallons on the corresponding date of last year. The consumption per head per day during March was 10.4 gallons, as against 7.8 gallons in the same month of last year. The Government Analyst reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

The following will play for the Combined League Team v. H.K.C.C. on Saturday, at 11 a.m.:—R. E. O. Bird, R. O. Hutchison, R. C. Mitchell, Lieut. Smith, R.N., Capt. Clapham, R.A., Capt. Crawford, R.A., H. H. Taylor, J. V. Bragg, Corp. Tavernier, R.E., Corp. Dempsey, K.O.Y.L.I. and J. P. Robinson.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will be "at home" on Monday, when a match will be played with H.M.S. *Minatour*, starting at 10.30 a.m. The Kowloon team will be—Rev. Foster Pegg, Lieut. N. J. Williams, Dr. Chas. Forsyth, Messrs. F. Sutton, J. P. Robinson, R. P. Thursfield, W. Weaver, A. F. R. Raven, W. T. Elson, K. McNeill and J. H. Mead (Capt.). Reserve—D. J. Mackenzie.

By kind permission of the officers the Band of H.M.S. *Minatour* will play during the afternoon.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

The following is the League table up to date:—

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	PTS
1 Crispengower	14	9	2	3	30
2 Civil Services	14	8	6	0	24
3 Kowloon	14	6	5	3	20
4 R. O. A.	13	5	3	5	23
5 Naval Yard	14	5	9	0	15
6 R. E.	12	4	6	2	14
7 K. E. Police	12	2	8	0	12
8 K.O.Y.L.I.	11	2	8	3	9

N. B.—A win = 3 points.
A draw = 1 point.

SOLDIERS' CLUB BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The concluding games between the A.O.D. and 87 Company R.G.A. were played on Wednesday evening before a good number of spectators.

The full scores are:—

Gunner Slater	250
Pte. Poland	163
Gunner Quinn	250
Major Lynden	214
Gunner B.B.R. Pitt	250
Staff Sergt. Sargeant	214
Capt. Nicholson	250
Sergt. Heath	174
Comdr. Chamberlain	250
Bomb. Masterman	248
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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

The Directors' report reads:—
The Directors have now to submit to the shareholders the balance-sheet and profit and loss account of the Bank for the year ended 31st December last.

These show a net profit, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, of £332,451 14s. 6d., inclusive of 129,383 13s. 6d. brought forward from the previous year. The interim dividend at the rate of thirteen per cent. per annum paid in October last absorbed £278,000, and a further sum of £31,000 has been appropriated to pay a bonus to the staff. The amount now available is therefore £233,451 14s. 6d., and the directors propose to pay a final dividend at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, making fourteen per cent. for the whole year; to add £25,000 to the reserve fund, which will then stand at £1,650,000; to add £10,000 to the Officers' superannuation fund; to write off premises account £30,000, and to carry forward the balance of £128,451 14s. 6d.

Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., and Mr. Thomas Cuthbertson, the directors who now retire by rotation, present themselves for re-election.

The auditors, Mr. Magnus Mowat and Mr. William Adolphus Browne, F.C.A., again tender their services.

The dividend, free of income tax, will be payable on and after Wednesday, the 27th March.

By order of the board,
Wm. HOGGAS, Secretary.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE COAL STRIKE.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

LONDON, April 4th.

The *Times* indicates that the strike may prove a blessing in disguise to the railways, to whom the experience has taught much concerning the superfluity of trains and the avoidance of expensive competition.

GRAVE RAILWAY SITUATION.

Mr. Thomas, assistant secretary of the Railwaymen's Union, has drawn attention to the grave situation in the railway world arising from the failure of certain companies to carry out their obligations under the Government's conciliation scheme. Unless the Board of Trade acted immediately, he says, the result will be serious. He suggests that the men should submit their grievances to the arbitration of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Robertson has agreed to consider the suggestion.

WILD SCENES IN SCOTLAND AND WALES.
Wild scenes have occurred at Glencraig, Fifeshire, where a crowd of 2,000, including many women, attempted to prevent the men from working. The police charged the mob, and were met with volleys of stones, but eventually dispersed them.

There were also wild scenes at Pontypool, where the miners smashed with stones the windows of strike breakers. Two men were critically injured.

AUSTRALIAN RELIEF FUNDS.

Funds for the relief of the sufferers by the strike have been opened in Sydney and Melbourne. The Lord Mayor of Sydney yesterday cabled the first instalment of £1,000.

MORE RESUMPTION.

After an harangue with Mr. Stanley, M.P., 10,000 Cannockchase miners, who had overwhelmingly voted against resumption, decided to resume forthwith.

BILLOT RESULTS.

The following unofficial results were given at mid-night:—

For resumption 130,902
Against resumption 109,881
Official figures are still withheld.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation meets to-day to consider the result of the ballot, which is expected to decide against resumption. The majority is, however, insufficient to justify a continuance of the strike, especially in view of the vast number of abstentions. Meanwhile the numbers resuming without waiting for a decision are steadily increasing, but no coal is expected to reach London for at least a week.

TRADE RESOURCES OF THE EMPIRE.

LONDON, April 4th.

Mr. Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has announced that the following have been appointed members of the Royal Commission to inquire into the trade resources of the Empire:—Lord Incheape, Chairman; Sir Edgar Vincent, Sir Charles John Owens, Mr. Rider Haggard, Mr. Tom Garnett, a Manchester cotton master, Mr. William Lorimer, of Glasgow; Mr. Foster, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce; Mr. Donald Campbell, an ex-legislator of South Australia; Mr. Edward Bowring, an ex-legislator of Newfoundland; Sir D. P. de V. Graaff, Minister of Public Works, South Africa, and Sir Joseph Ward, New Zealand.

Mr. Harcourt expressed the opinion that it was the strongest Commission ever constituted. Members of the House of Commons had been deliberately excluded. He thought the Commission would command complete confidence.

PERSONNEL OPPOSED.

LATER.

The *Times* says that Opposition Members are surprised at the composition of the Trade Commission. They do not consider that the Government carried out the tacit understanding that it would be of first importance, in respect of the personnel, to be entirely impartial. They complain that statements of the calibre of Lord Grey and Lord Balfour of Burleigh were not asked to serve, and that several of the members are known to be extreme fiscal partisans, or are not possessed of sufficient commercial training.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BERMUDA.

LONDON, April 4th.

General Sir Mackworth Bullock has been appointed Governor of Bermuda, in succession to Sir F. W. Kitchener.

ENGLISH CUP FOOTBALL.

LONDON, April 4th.

In the semi-final for the English Cup, Bromwich beat Blackburn by one goal to nil at Sheffield. Extra time had to be played. Barnsley beat Swindon by one goal to nil at Nottingham.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FLOODS IN AMERICA.

LONDON, April 4th.

Widespread distress has been occasioned by floods in the Mississippi Valley. In Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri several towns are deserted and thousands are homeless. The river at Cairo is fifty miles broad. Fifty thousand inhabitants of the Mississippi delta have been warned that the levels threaten to collapse and are fleeing.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, April 4th.

A telegram from Ottawa states that the Dominion Government has invited the Prince of Wales to visit Canada in 1914.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS.

LONDON, April 4th.

Parliament has adjourned until the 10th inst.

PARIS MOTOR CRIMINAL ARRESTED.

LONDON, April 4th.

A Paris telegram states that Carrouy, another of the alleged motor criminals, when arrested near Paris, swallowed poison, but was saved by prompt medical action.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO.

LONDON, April 4th.

A telegram from Vienna states that Baron Mueller, of the Foreign Office, has been appointed Ambassador in Tokyo.

ADMIRAL OF PATROLS.

LONDON, April 4th.

Rear-Admiral De Robeck has been appointed to command the torpedo-boat flotilla, under the title of Admiral of Patrols.

"THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER."

"The Chocolate Soldier," the finest of the operas produced by the Bandmann Opera Company during the present visit, was repeated last night, but the heavy rain which fell during the early part of the evening had the effect of thinning the audience considerably. The attendance, in the circumstances, was very fair, and what it lacked in point of numbers, it made up for in appreciation. The piece was produced with all the sparkle and brilliance which characterised it when it was last played in Hongkong. Miss Marjorie Tompsett, as Nadina, was again in splendid voice, and her rendering of the solo "My Hero" was received with unstinted applause. Miss Violet Frampton and Miss Kitty Barlow were both well suited to their respective parts, while the humour of the piece was sustained throughout by Mr. Bobby Roberts, as Lieut. Bumerli, and Mr. Alfred Frith, as Colonel Popoff. The company will not appear to-night, and to-morrow night they will produce "A Waltz Dream."

MARINE GAS AND OIL ENGINES.

There is peculiar appropriateness (says *Engineering*) in the election as President of the Institute of Marine Engineers of the Marquis of Graham, who has shown a keen interest, not only in naval matters, but in all questions affecting marine engineering. He is a director of Messrs. William Beardmore & Co., Limited, and by arrangement with the Chairman of that Company, and as chief officer of the Clyde Naval Volunteers, he incurred the expense of fitting an old gunboat, H.M.S. *Rattler*, with a gas-engine installation, which yielded very informing data; while recently he had built for himself a yacht of considerable size, fitted with the Beardmore semi-Diesel engine of the two-cycle type, and capable of developing 130 brake horse-power. Naturally the results obtained in both of these vessels formed the principal theme of the Marquis of Graham's presidential address, which he delivered last month. His deductions from his experience with the gas-engine in the *Rattler*, which made a non-stop run from Liverpool to Glasgow (200 miles) in very rough weather, were hopeful so far as the mechanical features are concerned. It has not been possible to use bituminous coal. He looked forward, however, to the time, when "coalite" might be produced at the pits and sold at a very low rate, because of the revenue obtained from residual products. This material, he considered, would prove quite satisfactory for the production of gas for marine purposes, with considerably modified scrubbers. The gas made from it, according to his experience, was rather hot, but the engine ran well on it, and probably this difficulty of high temperature could be overcome. There were no mechanical difficulties in the gas-engine, the means for reversing the engine direct having been evolved. He felt, however, that in the immediate future oil would be preferred, and in view of the gradual using up of our coal supplies, with probable developments in oil production, the cost would be more in favour of the oil-engine in the future than in the present. In the oil-engine in his yacht he used crude Texas oil of a specific gravity of 0.93, which cost at Glasgow 52s. per ton. Welsh coal is purchasable at 20s. per ton, and Scotch coal at 14s. per ton (in normal times). Yet the comparative cost for a 24-hour's run is 28s. for oil, 21s. 8s. for Welsh coal, and 28s. 19s. for Scotch coal. In addition to this, of course, there are the economies consequent on less labour being required with oil-engines, on there being no stand-by losses, and on a reduction in space occupied by machinery and fuel.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, April 4th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(PUISNE JUDGE).

ADJOURNED.

The action by Tang Kee & Co. against the Alexandra Cafe for \$311.78 was adjourned for a week on the application of Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared for the defendant.

APPLICATION FOR NEW TRIAL.

Mr. Russ, of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morrell, made application to set aside a judgment made against his client on March 15th. He did not appear at the time and judgment was given in default.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing, who appeared for the plaintiff in the action, said he had better explain the circumstances.

Mr. Russ—No, I don't think you had. I am appearing for the applicant. Proceeding, he said that his client was a Chinaman who did not understand it and the date not being entered on the writ in Chinese he paid no attention to it until he found the bailiffs in his house. Proceedings were then instituted. A partner in the plaintiff firm absconded, and the firm was sold up. The partner who absconded actually wrote to the defendant telling him to be careful not to pay any money to anybody but himself. The whole costs had been paid into Court, and if what he said was true they were certainly entitled to a new trial to have the matter thoroughly thrashed out.

His Lordship—I don't know whether you are entitled or not.

Mr. Russ—Your Lordship knows how difficult it is.

His Lordship—It was not difficult in that case. The man was told when he had to appear and he did not appear. Have you paid the taxed costs into Court?

Mr. Russ—Yes, right up to date.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing said the writ was served personally and the man was told when to appear. He was also served by the police. The man admitted that the debt was owing to the firm.

His Lordship—He admits owing the debt to somebody.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing replied that the plaintiff in the action swore that he was the person to whom the money was due. At the time the action was instituted the firm was carrying on its ordinary business. He did not know what the defendant would gain even if a new trial were ordered.

Mr. Russ—That is our lookout.

On the question of costs, Mr. Russ asked his Lordship to allow that to stand over. Perhaps his Lordship would have occasion to reverse his decision if he proved that the plaintiffs were scoundrels.

The hearing was set down for Monday, April 16th.

CLAIM ON A PROMISSORY NOTE.

STEAMSHIP OFFICERS' AGREEMENTS.

IMPORTANT TEST CASE.

A case of considerable importance to the shipping community, involving a decision on the interpretation of agreements entered into between shipowners and their officers, was heard before Mr. Justice Gompertz yesterday in the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. The parties were the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, and H. P. Robinson, of the s.s. *Wing Hon*, but formerly in the service of the plaintiff company. The plaintiffs claimed for the payment of the sum of \$276.88 being monies due from the defendant in writing dated 23rd August, 1910; in the alternative the plaintiffs claimed as for the said sum of \$276.88 due from the defendant to the plaintiffs for money lent by the plaintiffs to the defendant; and in the further alternative the plaintiffs claimed the sum of \$276.88 being money paid by the plaintiffs to the defendant at the request of the defendant.

Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings & Hastings, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. C. A. Sutherland, of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morrell, appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Davidson—This case is brought by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company against H. P. Robinson, and I am instructed to say at the outset that the object of the plaintiffs in bringing this action is to obtain a ruling upon the form of contract upon which it is founded. Plaintiffs have entered into a number of contracts with the officers employed in their steamers and there has been some doubt as to—

His Lordship—Do I understand that the defendant is an officer in the plaintiff company?

Mr. Davidson—He has been, by Lord. His Lordship—And is this the contract they make with their officers?

Mr. Davidson—This is the contract they make with officers they bring out from England to serve on their steamers. It is only a preliminary contract and the officers sign articles in the usual way when they join a steamer. In one or two cases officers have denied the validity of the agreement and the plaintiffs are anxious to get it settled. The statement of agreement is perfectly good and binding. It is in the form of a letter signed by the defendant in which he agrees to enter the service of the Company as an officer at the monthly rate of £9 per month to be increased to £13 after six months' service, and the cost of the passage £28 ss. paid by the plaintiffs to be refunded by the defendant at the rate of £3 per month for six months and afterwards the instalment to be increased in proportion to his increased salary. That agreement had been admitted by the defendant, who also admitted that his passage out on the *York* was paid by the plaintiffs. Defendant came to Hongkong in October, 1910, and signed articles on the plaintiff's steamer *Onang*, on which he served for a year, but during that time he never paid a cent of the money due for his passage out.

His Lordship—He served twelve months?

Mr. Davidson—Yes. Plaintiffs did not press for repayment of the money because defendant was a married man, though they did not know that when he came out. They felt that it would be a hardship to press for the money, but there has been no suggestion, nothing was ever said to indicate that the plaintiffs discharged defendant from this liability. As he had now left their employment and obtained service elsewhere they have brought this action to settle their rights.

His Lordship—You say the agreement is that he should repay the money at the rate of not less than £3 per month for the first six months and if his salary be raised he was to pay more?

Mr. Davidson—Yes. The repayment was to be raised when his salary was increased from £9 to £13.

His Lordship—He was to begin at £9 per month and go up to £13?

Mr. Davidson—Yes.

His Lordship—Has nothing been paid?

Mr. Davidson—Nothing at all. I will put Mr. Sutherland, the manager of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, in the box to prove that nothing has been done by the Company to waive their rights under the agreement.

His Lordship—The onus is on the other side.

Mr. Davidson—It does not matter.

Mr. Sutherland, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, went into the box and stated that the firm were general managers of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. After the expiration of twelve months' service with the company the defendant left their service. He did not pay any portion of the £26 ss.

His Lordship—Your agreement is stamped, I suppose?

Mr. Davidson—Yes. It is only a six-penny stamp.

His Lordship—Ought it not to be stamped here?

Mr. Davidson—The point has only just occurred to me.

Mr. Russ—I only admitted it saving all just exceptions.

His Lordship—You agree to pay anything that may be required for stamping?

Mr. Davidson—Yes.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ:

You have had a good many of these agreements?—Yes.

Have any of the men paid under them?—Some of them.

Very few?—A few.

How many, four?—I cannot tell.

We may take it that there were very few in proportion. Why, if you wanted to claim this passage money, didn't you give the man less wages?—Because it was not in the agreement.

If you had you would have found it impossible to keep men?—That I cannot say.

As a matter of fact you have been rather hard up for men lately?—No.

You admit that when the defendant came out he signed articles?—Yes.

There is nothing in the articles about his paying this passage money?—That I don't know.

Why was the clause about the passage money not inserted in the articles?—That is a matter of detail about which I know nothing.

I put it to you that the reason was because it could not be done?—Perhaps so.

You have sued no one yet?—No.

And I think Mr. Robinson is the last man out?—That I cannot say.

At any rate he is the first man you have sued. Did he see you about this matter?—Yes.

He said that he could not pay the money?—Yes.

You asked him to think it over?—Yes.

And when he came back after thinking it over he said, "I think I will leave the company"?—That I don't remember.

Didn't he say that he would leave the company?—That I can't remember.

Oh, come, you have remembered all the rest?—I can't remember.

If Mr. Robinson swears that that was what he said you won't deny it?—I won't deny it.

You did not wish him to leave the company and you did not press the claim?—No.

You asked him for the passage money on one occasion?—Never at any other time?—No.

It is only after he left the company that you sued him?—Yes.

Mr. Davidson—My friend has given me notice of a number of special defences. He relies upon the expressed agreement.

Mr. Davidson then re-examined witness:

I think Mr. Robinson did not deny owing the £28 ss.?—He did not.

Eventually he said he was not in a position to pay it?—Yes.

Can you tell me at what date it became known to the plaintiffs that defendant had a wife and family?—I don't think it was known until that interview.

With regard to the other men who are under this agreement, I think one or two have paid and are paying?—That is so.

Mr. Davidson—That is the case for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Russ—I submit there is no case to answer.

His Lordship—The agreement is admitted.

Mr. Russ—It is disputed on various grounds. Shall I submit there is no case to answer?

His Lordship—You can if you like.

Mr. Russ—It is simply a question of saving time. I submit on three alternatives that no case has been made out for plaintiffs. The first one is the written agreement of 23rd August, 1910. This is not the usual agreement. The usual agreement between a company and crew are the articles, and the reason why this special agreement was entered into beforehand was that it would be quite impossible for the plaintiffs to insert such a statement in the articles. Secondly, if they had done that and paid the man lower wages they would not be able to get men.

His Lordship—There is no evidence of that. It may be a fact, but you cannot take it as a fact when there is no evidence.

Mr. Russ—It is an assumption which your Lordship could draw.

His Lordship—No, you must prove it.

Mr. Russ—I put it as an assumption.

His Lordship—I can assume nothing at all. Having proved these facts you may argue upon them. You cannot argue on an assumption.

Mr. Russ—I am not arguing upon it. The Merchant Shipping Act was passed to protect seamen against themselves, and it is to be construed strictly in their favour.

His Lordship—Does the defendant come under the definition of crew?

Mr. Russ—Yes. I wish also to say that this Act clearly applies to the Colonies by implication.

Mr. Davidson—It is applied to the Colony by the local Ordinance.

Mr. Russ then proceeded to quote the sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, and dealt with the sections which were intended to protect seamen from entering into future agreements which might not be advantageous to them, pointing out that the only authorised agreement was

the articles which were signed before the master. Any agreement which did not comply with the policy of the Act was void. The reason that this special agreement was entered into was because it was impossible for the plaintiffs to include such a clause in the articles and if they offered the men the lower wage they would not be able to get them at all. The preliminary agreement entered into was one which would be quite impossible to get properly registered before the superintendent because it contained a clause which was against the policy of the act and the plaintiffs could not by drawing up an informal agreement nullify the Merchant Shipping Act which was drawn up for the protection and benefit of the seaman. The moment he signed the articles, either he signed the second contract which waived the first or his friend would try to include both agreements.

His Lordship asked if seamen covered officers.

Mr. Russ replied that seamen covered mates.

Mr. Davidson said that they admitted that Mr. Robinson was a seaman within the meaning of the Act.

Mr. Russ added that the Court had to give Mr. Robinson as much protection as if he were an illiterate seaman. The Act brought him under the same category.

His Lordship—You say that if this agreement was a running agreement it should have terminated on the following June 30th or December 31st?

Mr. Russ—If it does not do that it is void because it offends against one stipulation of the Act.

Mr. Davidson—If this agreement is not covered by the Act then I agree that it is an improper agreement, but I do not agree that it is void.

His Lordship—Supposing instead of signing this agreement he had given a promissory note to the Company. Would you say that would be bad?

Mr. Russ—Yes. I think in a case where the Company evade the Act of Parliament the Court can go into the circumstances of the transaction.

Mr. Davidson—I rather object to my friend saying that the plaintiffs were trying to evade the Act of Parliament. There is no evidence that this is so. Defendant signed the articles in Hongkong.

His Lordship—Supposing the defendant was to get to Hongkong with money borrowed from a third party and given a promissory note. That would not be bad?

Mr. Russ—No.

His Lordship—Simply as between the seaman and the employer?

Mr. Russ—Yes. Proceeding to the consideration of the various sections of the Act affecting the agreements of seamen, he argued that the preliminary agreement was waived by the signing of the articles.

His Lordship—The signing of the articles is contemplated by this preliminary agreement.

Mr. Russ—I submit that the stipulation as to the repayment of the passage money should have been inserted in the fresh agreement.

His Lordship—I don't think that is a strong point. The others I shall have to consider very carefully.

Mr. Russ in referring to the implied agreement said—I don't think the Courts in Hongkong would have jurisdiction.

His Lordship—Why not?

Mr. Russ—Because the agreement is made in England.

His Lordship—What does that matter?

Mr. Russ—It is a rule of law that a creditor must seek his debtor and—

His Lordship—That is a very novel doctrine.

Mr. Russ—You don't accept it?

His Lordship—You say the money was lent in pursuance of the agreement and is against the policy of the law?

Mr. Russ—It would be absurd to allow plaintiffs to get round the Act when there is a written agreement which discharges the first agreement.

Mr. Davidson—My friend has admitted that the money was paid by the defendants. It may be argued that we could not recover the money under this agreement.

His Lordship—If it is obviously paid under the agreement and the agreement is bad, how can you recover? You only want the implied agreement when you have nothing expressed.

Defendant then went into the box and was examined by Mr. Russ:

You arranged with Mr. Wells in London as to the terms of your employment in plaintiff's service?—Yes.

When you came out to Hongkong you signed the articles of agreement?—Yes.

Did you have an interview with Mr. Sutherland?—Yes.

He asked you why you had not paid?—Yes.

And he told you to think it over?—Yes.

When you thought it over what did you tell him?—I told him I would like to leave the Company.

When you left the Company were any formalities gone through? Were you released?—Oh, yes.

Put them in, will you? Was that signed by the superintendent shipping master?—Yes.

Were few of the claims made on the other men paid?—So I am told.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davidson:

Did you inform Mr. Wells when you signed this agreement that you were married?—No.

Would you have had any difficulty in paying this money if you had not been a married man?—I should certainly have had difficulty because the expenses out here are greater than one is inclined to think at home.

You are at sea nearly all the time?—A good deal.

His Lordship—I don't want to go into this question.

Mr. Davidson said there were two points his friend had not raised. The first was that the Court could set aside any agreement between a seaman and his employer if it was unreasonable.

Mr. Russ—I am not suggesting that. I am saying it is the Act.

His Lordship then questioned the defendant:

What is your pay?—£9 to start with.

Do you pay for your mess on board?—We are allowed so much on board.

You practically get your messing free?—Yes.

If you paid that £3 a month that would leave you, if you were a bachelor, with about £6 a month?—Yes.

You agree to that?—I agree that I could have paid them if I had stayed on board and made myself miserable.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davidson:

On the date of that interview with Mr. Sutherland did you say you were unable to pay the money?—Yes.

If you considered the money was not owing why did you say that? I suppose it was because you were not pressed.

Before that interview you thought the money was still owing?—I don't know.

His Lordship—They did not enter into any agreement not to press you for payment?

Witness—No.

Mr. Davidson—When you signed the articles in Hongkong you did not think these articles were replacing the agreement?

Witness—I did afterwards.

At the time you signed the articles you did not think they were replacing the original agreement?—No. If I may be allowed to explain. If the money had been taken month by month I should never have thought anything about it. I should have agreed to it.

When it was not pressed you thought it was not going to be asked for?—Yes.

Except the fact that they did not press for payment was there anything communicated to you which indicated that the plaintiffs would waive their rights against you?—(Answer indistinct.)

Mr. Davidson—That is hardly sufficient.

Mr. Russ then concluded his address, pointing out that the usual release had been given to defendant, and that that release was a mutual discharge of all debts in respect of the last voyage made by the seaman.

Mr. Davidson replied to the points raised by his friend. He contended that the release was a mutual discharge of debts in respect of the last voyage, but was not a discharge of debts incurred before the articles were signed. It was an extension of the Act if it were to be made to apply to prior contracts which had nothing to do with the articles. He thought his friend had failed to show that there was any waiver on the part of the plaintiffs in respect of this agreement.

Mr. Davidson then dealt at length with the other sections quoted, and replied to the arguments of Mr. Russ.

His Lordship intimated that he would deliver a written judgment.

SIR HENRY MAY'S PROMOTION.

The following further note is taken from *Truth*:

With reference to the appointment of Sir Francis May to the Governorship of Hongkong a correspondent writes:

A reference to "Who's Who" will convince you of the qualifications of the new Governor. A reference to any old China hand will convince you of the importance of having, in the present condition of affairs in China, a Governor in Hongkong who has had thirty-one years' experience of the Colony, who knows every resident—British or Chinese—and who has frequently served during long periods as Acting Governor.

Those matters are surely of greater concern to British interests in China than the promotion of a Governor in the West Indies or the West Coast of Africa.

Sir Francis May's qualifications were not questioned in what was said on the subject last week. In the absence of any "old China hand" to refer to at the moment, I am unable to see why the trouble in China should make Sir Francis the only possible man for the post. The Chinese revolution shows no likelihood of extending to Hongkong, and presumably there are other officials in the Colony who know all the residents and all the local circumstances. If efficiency in a Governor is only to be obtained by long local service, the whole policy of promoting men from one Colony to another must be wrong.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report dated 4th April state:—

The market for all local investment stocks continues firm and closes with a hardening tendency. Indo-Chinas have further improved their position during the interval, but close somewhat easier at slightly under the highest point touched. Fine Hard Para Rubber is quoted at 4/11 per lb. sellers, and Smoked and Unsmoked Plantation Rubber at 5/3½ to 5/5½ per lb. At the Rubber Auction held in London yesterday 500 tons of Plantation Rubber was sold, the tone of the auction at the close being firm. Bar Silver closes firm at 27 1/16d. ready, and 27½d. forward, and Sterling T.T. at 1/11 3/16d. Shanghai T.T. is unchanged at 72½.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been booked at \$865 closing steady. The London rate is unchanged at £23.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have been sold and continue in request at \$880. Subject to audit it is announced that at the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders the directors will recommend the payment of a final dividend of £20 per share for account of 1910, making £50 per share for the year, an interim dividend of £30 per share for 1911, and a bonus of £20 per cent. on contributory premium. They will further recommend that £20,000 be placed to Sterling Reserve Fund, leaving \$518,000 to be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account, thus closing the account for 1910. Cantons have been sold at \$200 and close with buyers. Other stocks in this section with the exception of North-Chinas, which have receded to Tls. 145, remain unchanged and without business to report.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongs are quiet at \$331. Chinas have been booked at \$123 and \$127 closing firm with buyers at the higher rate.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have improved to \$23½ buyers after sales at \$23 and \$26½. Indo-Chinas have been done at \$77 and \$78, closing quieter at \$77. The last London quotation to hand per "Reuters" is \$7 15s/3d. sellers. China and Manila at \$12 are procurable, and Douglases at \$21 are quiet. Star Ferrys are in request at \$29 (old) and \$18 (new) and Shell Transports at the improved rate of 103/6 ex rights.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been done at improving rates up to \$110, at which the market closes steady. Luzons after sales at \$29 and \$30 close with buyers at the latter rate.

MINING.—Tronchs are in local request at 75/- cum the interim dividend of 2/6 per share recently declared. Heavwoods are quiet at 5/3 and Paubs at \$4 after sales. Chinese Engineerings have improved to 37/6 buyers.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are firmer with buyers at \$44 after sales at \$43 and \$43½. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are dull with sellers at \$57. New Amoy Docks are quoted at \$4½ buyers ex the dividend of 50 cents per share for 1911, paid on the 2nd inst. Shanghai Docks at Tls. 64, and Shanghai and Hongkew Wharves at Tls. 87.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have improved to \$103 buyers. Kowloon Lands have been sold at \$244 and West Points at \$234, both closing in request. Hongkong Hotels are wanted at \$107 (old) and \$37 (new) and Humphreys Estates at \$22. Langkats close in the North with sellers at Tls. 75.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkongs have again been done at \$6, closing steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneos have improved to \$10 buyers, and China Providents to \$7½ buyers after sales at \$7½. Cements have been done at improving rates up to \$4½ ex dividend at which the market closes firm. Tea roman steady at \$205 and Ropes at \$17. Watsons have been booked at \$54. Powells at \$5, and Electric at \$22. Langkats close in the North with sellers at Tls. 75.

LONDON QUOTATIONS.—The following quotations (middle price) were received by wire from London this morning:

United Serdangs	111/3
Batu Tigas	77/6
Sapongs	25/-
Lodurys	87/8
London Asiatics	11/-
Linggis	36/3
E. & I. Trusts	2/8 premium.
Rubber Trusts	13/9 premium.
Tronchs	74/8
Hongkong Electric Trams	3/9
Shell Transports	103/6 ex rights.
Chinese Engineerings	39/-
Para Rubber	4/11 sellers.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A stoker named Richardson, from H.M.S. *Minotaur*, was arrested in Spring Garden Lane early yesterday morning, and later charged with having created a disturbance. It appeared that he and another seaman took a ricksha from a coolie, running through the streets with it, the stoker waving a long pole wildly above his head. Needless to say, both were under the influence of liquor. Defendant was fined \$4 or seven days' imprisonment. He complained that Sergeant Gerrard, who arrested him, had struck him, and his Worship answered—Well, if you come ashore waving bamboo poles, you must not expect to be treated as though you were wrapped up in cotton wool.

Sergeant Atlee, on behalf of the Treasury, yesterday prosecuted a Chinese for failing to stamp a receipt for rent. The man was fined \$135.

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1912. [417]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1912. [547]

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"LAISANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon on the 5th inst. will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Hongkong, 4th April, 1912. [15]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-DAY (FRIDAY), TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) and MONDAY, the 5th, 6th and 8th instants. Hongkong, 3rd April, 1912. [533]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-DAY (FRIDAY), TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) and MONDAY, the 5th, 6th and 8th instants. By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th April, 1912. [539]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-DAY (FRIDAY), TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) and MONDAY, the 5th, 6th and 8th instants. By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th April, 1912. [540]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY, 5TH INSTANT, to MONDAY, 8TH INSTANT, inclusive, for the purpose of redecoration. During this time, GOODS MAY BE OBTAINED at the SIDE ENTRANCES in CHATER ROAD and DES VIGUEUX ROAD. A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited. Hongkong, 4th April, 1912. [541]

LIGHTERAGE.

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Plan New Open at MOUTRIE'S. PRICES, \$3.50, \$2 and \$1. Doors Open at 8.30 P.M. Commence at 9.15 P.M. Hongkong, 5th April, 1912. [494]

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INTIMATIONS

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.
(BRITISH SECTION.)

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that during the EASTER HOLIDAYS from FRIDAY, April 5th, to MONDAY, April 8th, both dates inclusive, an additional Train will leave Kowloon at 10.15 A.M. for TAIPO, FANING and SHAM CHUN.

The Express Train from CANTON arriving Kowloon at 6.50 P.M. will also call at FANING at 6.10 P.M. on the above dates to pick up passengers. Intending passengers may obtain tickets in advance at the Head Office, Kowloon, available on any of the above dates.

By Order, H. P. WINSLOW, Manager. [535]

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P. A. LAPOQUE & Co., 4, Queen's Building, Telephone 950. Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [398]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 23rd APRIL, 1912, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of His EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, of One Lot of CROWN LAND near Kowloon Island Lot No. 1157, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years. [517]

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th April, 1912. [542]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 23rd APRIL, 1912, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1911, and of declaring Dividends, &c. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 23rd April, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th April, 1912. [543]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. MENINO FERNANDEZ in our Firm CEASED on 1st April, 1912. FERNANDEZ & Co. Hongkong, 2nd April, 1912. [534]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. RONALD GREIG in our Firm terminated on 30th March, 1912. M. W. GREIG & Co. Foochow, 1st April, 1912. [521]

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THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. RONALD GREIG in our Firm terminated on 30th March, 1912. TURNER & Co. Foochow, 1st April, 1912. [522]

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AUCTIONS

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 9th day of April, 1912, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of His EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, of One Lot of CROWN LAND near Kowloon Island Lot No. 1157, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years. [517]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub-Registries	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 1157	N.W. 45' S.W. 45' E.E. 120' N.E. 120'	5,400	50	2,100

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub-Registries	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	44 acres of Island Lot 100, Tai Hang	N.W. 60' S.W. 60' E.E. 71' N.E. 71'	5,600	18	1,704

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Hongkong, 29th March, 1912. [50]

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N. J. STARR, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 21st February, 1912. [19]

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WM. DICKSON, Manager. Hongkong, 29th March, 1912. [133]

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F. C. MACDONALD, Manager. Hongkong, 29th March, 1912. [938]

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HONGKONG OFFICE: 3, Des Voeux Road. Interest allowed on Current Accounts Deposits received on terms which may be had on application. K. TSUDZURABARA, Manager. Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [1316]

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9, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1912. [225]

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G. WOLDRINGH, Manager. No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central. Hongkong, 15th August, 1909. [22]

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. N. J. STARR, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 24th January, 1911. [129]

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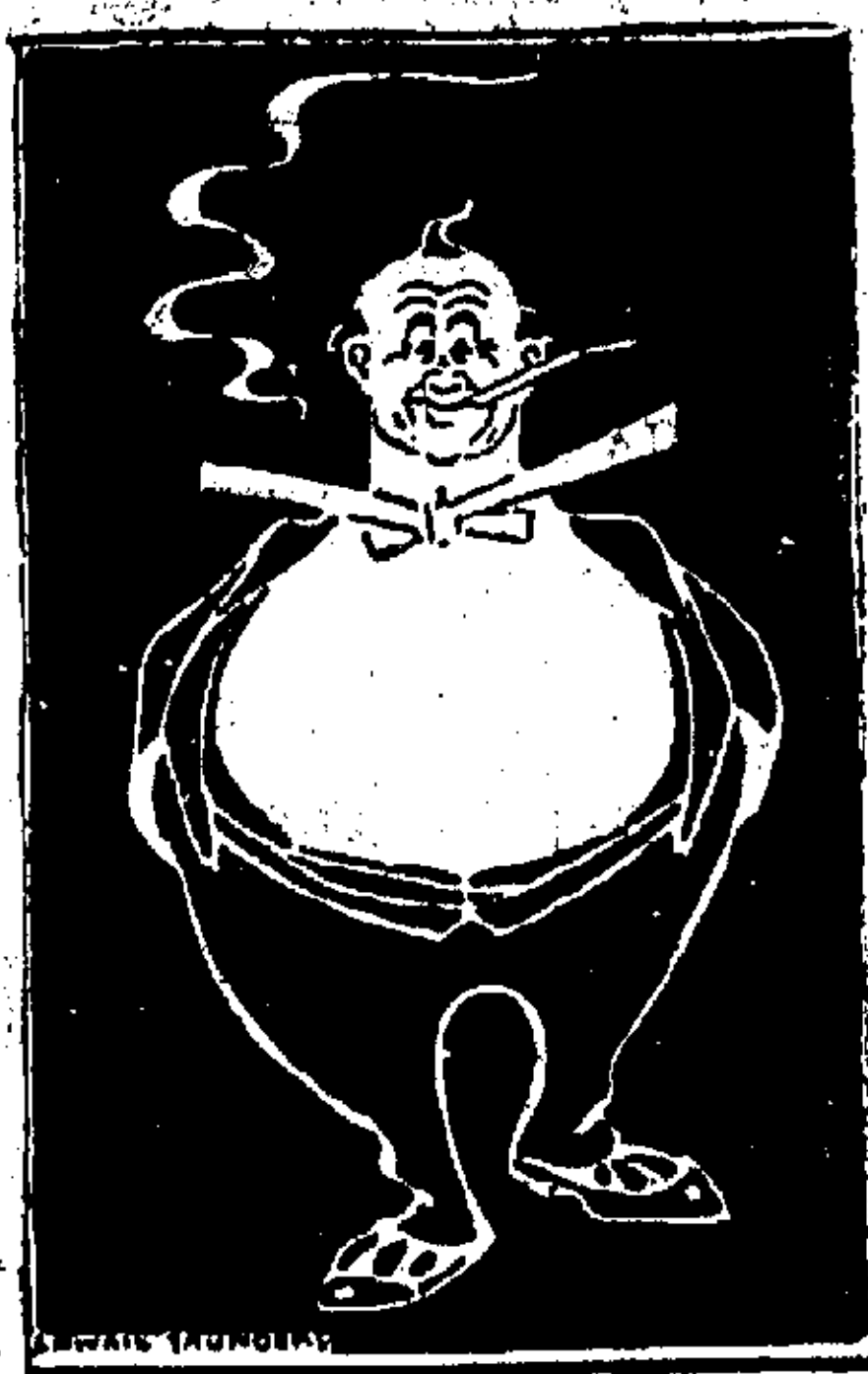
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THE GREATEST HAIL-STONES.
The attainable size of hailstones has been brought to notice by a terrific storm witnessed on August 6th by some campers at a height of 4,400 feet in the Pyrenees. In the second of two storms about noon, the land was suddenly bombarded with hailstones as large as lawn-tennis balls; the roar was deafening; sheep and cattle were killed; and the ground was deeply pitted and then covered with a winter sheet of white. Some stones weighed as much as seven ounces. Stones of a storm in the Orkneys were estimated to weigh eight ounces, in October, 1880; and there is a tradition of a fall in the Pyrenees in 1788 of stones weighing nine ounces.

MAKING A LAKE CLEAR.
A summer growth of a microscopic floating water weed has given a muddy brownish colour to Haining Loch, in Scotland, the sinking of the weed clearing the water in winter. Half a ton of sulphate of copper—one part to one million of water—was lately dissolved in the loch, the effect seeming to be complete destruction of the long-troublesome weed.

TRAPS FOR MOTHS.
While fighters of the gipsy and brown-tail moths in Massachusetts have been seeking some fatal parasite, two Egyptian entomologists, Andrea and Maïre, have been working to produce an effective and economical trap for such pests. The first trials showed that the injurious moths of the cotton fields could be attracted from a considerable distance of cloths soaked in the strong-scented fermented liquids of which they are fond. A suitable bait having been thus found, the trap was devised, and consists of a box, perhaps two feet square and four feet high, supported on posts five or six feet high, the sides of the box being narrow slanted strips of galvanized wire gauze with very narrow spaces between for the moths to enter. The saturated cloths strips are hung inside. The decoyed insects feed on the liquor in the cloth, become stupefied, and fall into a vessel of kerosene beneath, as many as 5,000 moths having been captured by one trap in a single night. With the general use of these traps it is expected that Egypt will be entirely freed from its destructive moths. A similar trap is being tested in French vineyards, and elsewhere in Europe an electric-light trap has been tried.

RAINLESS THUNDERSTORM.
The prolonged drought in England has called attention to the fact that rainfall is not essential to the production of thunder and lightning, rainless local storms having been reported. From the Meteorological Office it is stated that such storms are not common, but that a few are on record. A severe one near Chesham on August 10th, 1899, was recorded by E. J. Lowe in Nature. It began at 9 p.m., lasting five hours, and it was estimated that the flashes numbered at least 10,000. In a thunderstorm in 1903 near Cape Verde lighthouse, Capt. A. Simpson, of the steamship Moravian, found both rain and lower clouds to be absent, although the sky was a continuous blaze of lightning for an hour.

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Tinyest of electromotors—weighing less than a quarter of an ounce—is the marvellous machine made by G. Trevet, and presented to the French Academy of Sciences. It is a shunt-excited machine with a Gramme ring, and takes 0.2 ampere of current at 3.5 volts. It is about 3/5 of an inch high, with a shaft 3/5 of an inch long. The field magnet has 600 turns of wire 1/5 of an inch in diameter. The armature, a quarter of an inch in diameter, is wound in 6 sections, and the 288 turns of wire have a total length of about 6 feet. The commutator, less than an eighth of an inch in diameter, has 6 plates, with 6 sheets of ebonite as insulation. Each brush, consisting of 2 plates, is an eighth of an inch long by 1/25 inch wide and 1/30 inch thick, and is pressed against the commutator by a screw and spring. The steel shaft is only 1/30 inch in diameter; the bearing only 1/60 inch.

SOLAR RINGS FROM POLLEN.
A curious series of fine coronae around the sun, seen in a pine forest near Bayonne about 7 o'clock in the evening on May 7th, has been reported to the French Astronomical Society by Prof. E. Daguin. The coronae—with the deep red of the sun's disk—had the appearance seen when a flame is viewed through a glass plate covered with lycopodium powder. The phenomenon is attributed to a cloud of pollen grains, the pines having been in bloom at the time. It is this pollen that is the cause of so-called "sulphur rains," and the coronae no longer appeared, after such a sulphur rain had cleared the air.

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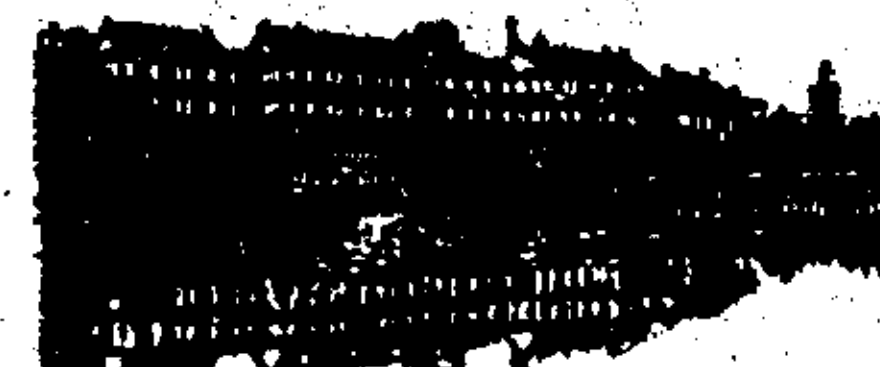
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The speaker, Barbara, yawned, and looked out of the window again, though there was nothing to see from it just then excepting a water-cart, and the doctor opposite getting into his chocolate coloured brougham. She was becoming very tired of the subject of Mr. Keller, but her evident weariness did not have the smallest effect upon her mother's volubility. It was a comfort to Mrs. Jennings that at any rate, Hilda, her eldest daughter, was far more sympathetic. For one thing she was nearly thirty-four, and Mr. Keller was rich, very rich.

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Un-natural persons observed that Mrs. Glynn-Jennings never left a stone unturned to obtain invitations, or make desirable acquaintances. Perhaps she was not to blame—for she was a devoted mother, and really an unselfish one, growing haggard and pale in what she considered a good cause—the finding and securing permanent homes for Barbara and Hilda of a more luxurious kind than the small house in Motcomb Street where they now lived. It was only what is called "an upper part," the lower rooms being occupied by a floral decorator, who arranged with success and brilliancy the dinner tables and ball-rooms of many Belgravia houses. In this work Mrs. Swan was helped by two girls, daughters respectively of a broken down Indian officer, who had died of the effects of his wounds, and of a ruined bank clerk. Barbara was on speaking terms with both of these young assistants, and admired the plucky way in which they had endured much unflattering criticism from their superior. It had already occurred to Barbara's good-natured mind to recommend this florist to Mr. Keller, who would no doubt require a great deal in the way of decorations for the house in Belgrave Square that had been taken for him.

"I think it would be better taste on the whole, not to meet Hans at Victoria. What do you think, Hilda?"

"He would be bored to tears if we did!" Barbara "cut in" to use her own expression, and her voice sounded almost fierce. "He is a second cousin, after all," said Hilda. "And he will be horribly lonely in London. Think what the change will be after living in a tiny house near the Rhine!"

"O! Goodness! Don't let's go over all that again!" Barbara jumped up as she spoke, and a bell rang. "Hang it, there's a visitor, and I shall be caught in the passage!"

"You needn't speak in quite such shrill tones, my dear child!" The parlourmaid, who looked nearly as tired out as her mistress, owing to the constant flow of messages and callers in Motcomb Street, flung open the door, announcing:

"Lady Harston!"

"Dear Mrs. Jennings! What luck to find you in—and the girls too! Hilda, how well you are looking!"

Miss Jennings was still handsome, and was at her very best to-day in a new gown that had been ordered in view of luncheon-parties to come in Belgrave Square.

"I am simply longing to hear all about this German relation of yours! This Mr. Keller, for whom I am told you have taken the Chafy's house?"

"Yes, we're quite his nearest relatives."

Mrs. Jennings spoke carelessly, and only Barbara knew of the pride lurking behind the calm utterance.

"I hear he's scarcely ever been in England!"

"Not since he was a small child. It's a curious story, Lady Harston. His mother was, as you know, a Miss Glynn, and a cousin of my husband's, and her son talks our language pretty well. When she was a girl, she fell in love with a German teacher of music, and she would marry him, though all her people were naturally dead against it. She went to live in Germany, and on her husband's death she settled down quietly in a little village on the Rhine, to be quite near Herr Keller's relations, who are, I fancy, very simple humble sort of people. One of them owned fields of roses, which he grew for the markets, and for making perfumes. Young Hans joined him in the business, acquired an interest in it, and used to work in the fields himself, though he's very well educated, I believe!"

"Fields of roses! How romantic and delicious!"

"Yes, indeed. Well, another member of the Keller family went to South Africa, and made a lot out there in the mines. He lived in London for some years, as you know, but though he was rich he never cared to go in for society. He had an idea that it would be nice to leave his fortune to some relation who was hard-working, and not spoiled by the gay world. He went to Germany, and saw and liked this boy Hans, who had, however, no notion of the favourable impression he had made. Then, six months ago, old Keller died, and leaves nearly a million to the young man with the rose-fields!"

"Most romantic! And he's coming over and you'll chaperon him, dear Mrs. Jennings. How interesting!"

"I should think London will bore him hideously," said Barbara. "In one letter he wrote and told us that he was only coming to London to please his mother."

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"Well, it can't be helped," sighed Molly. Her thread gloves were mangled, and her little black jacket was shabby, and her hair under her sailor hat was attractive, and unusual. Her upper lip had a lovely curve, and her eyes, set very wide apart, were of a bright brown contrasting agreeably with yellow hair. Barbara was often pinched for money herself, but she knew that in comparison to this girl's life, her own existence would have seemed luxurious.

"I hope Mrs. Swan will forgive me," she said. "I am going to try to get her a new customer, Miss Cardew, and a very rich one!"

"O! that will please her enormously. May I tell her?"

"Of course, yes, if it will soften her!"

Barbara was determined that Mr. Keller should enjoy Miss Cardew, and no one else, to decorate his table for the banquet next week.

Meanwhile the future entertainer was sitting in a railway compartment lined with red velvet, on his way from Cologne to Flushing. Not even the solace afforded by a strong cigar could give Hans Keller his usual serenity of mind. Until the hour of his actual leaving for his native land, he had tried to picture himself enjoying his money and his fine house in London, the dinners, the theatres, and the concerts, for he was something of a musician himself. Now an overpowering sense of shyness and loneliness affected him. He grew cold in spite of the sunshine that had warmed the velvet upholstery to an uncomfortable extent. How would he get on, if he gave parties at his own house? He could talk English fairly well, but he knew nobody in London, and nothing of the ways of society. He found himself longing for his snug room with its high china stove, and its brown and gold wall paper, and far more still for the rose-fields spreading as far as eye could see, for the soft evening air that wafted the delicious perfume in at his windows, while the gnats hummed against the panes at sunset. He had all the Rhinelander's passionate love of home and country, and a secret, if not very deep contempt, for the English, who seemed to him an unpatriotic and indolent race. There was not much of his British origin to be discerned in Hans' personal appearance. He was above the usual height, and broad in proportion. His fair hair was brushed off his tanned forehead, and closely cut. His features, if rather thick in outline, were not irregular, and he was proud of the monotone that he brushed up towards his eyes. It was a pleasant and intelligent countenance, though at this moment it lacked something of its characteristic cheerfulness. And the nearer that the train drew towards Flushing, so much the more worried Herr Keller appeared. More than once before he arrived at Victoria, had he nearly lost his nerve, his German newspapers, neatly strapped together, and his solid umbrella. He overpaid the porters and the cabman who deposited him before a house so imposing in aspect that he felt as if in a dream when he descended. A tall butler of discreet appearance and two footmen were awaiting him, and carried his shabby and gaudy plaid rug within the doors, where breakfast was ready. The English repast, with slices of bacon, and fillets of fish, bewildered him at this early hour. But the excellence of the coffee, which he had been told was always bad throughout Great Britain, was a delightful surprise. The butler informed him that Mrs. Glynn-Jennings hoped he would find everything comfortable, and that she trusted he would be able to call on her sometime in the course of the day? So a telephone message was sent to Motcomb Street, and Mr. Keller, as he gathered, he was now expected to call himself, inspected with awe and astonishment the great dining room, the library with rows of illustrated papers on the table, and the magnificent bedroom with its silken curtains and dove-coloured carpet on which his boots left large square marks.

"Well, it surely would be odd if a young German, who, as you say, was really a sort of market gardener, should feel at his ease in a huge London house, in the company of people, all on the watch to see the mistakes he makes, poor thing!"

"I don't think anyone will be much down on him!" smiled Lady Harston, wondering to which of the girls Mrs. Jennings would succeed in marrying young Herr Keller.

"I have suggested to Mr. Keller—we must speak of him in the English way here, that he should give a big dinner, possibly next week. Would you come, dear Lady Harston?"

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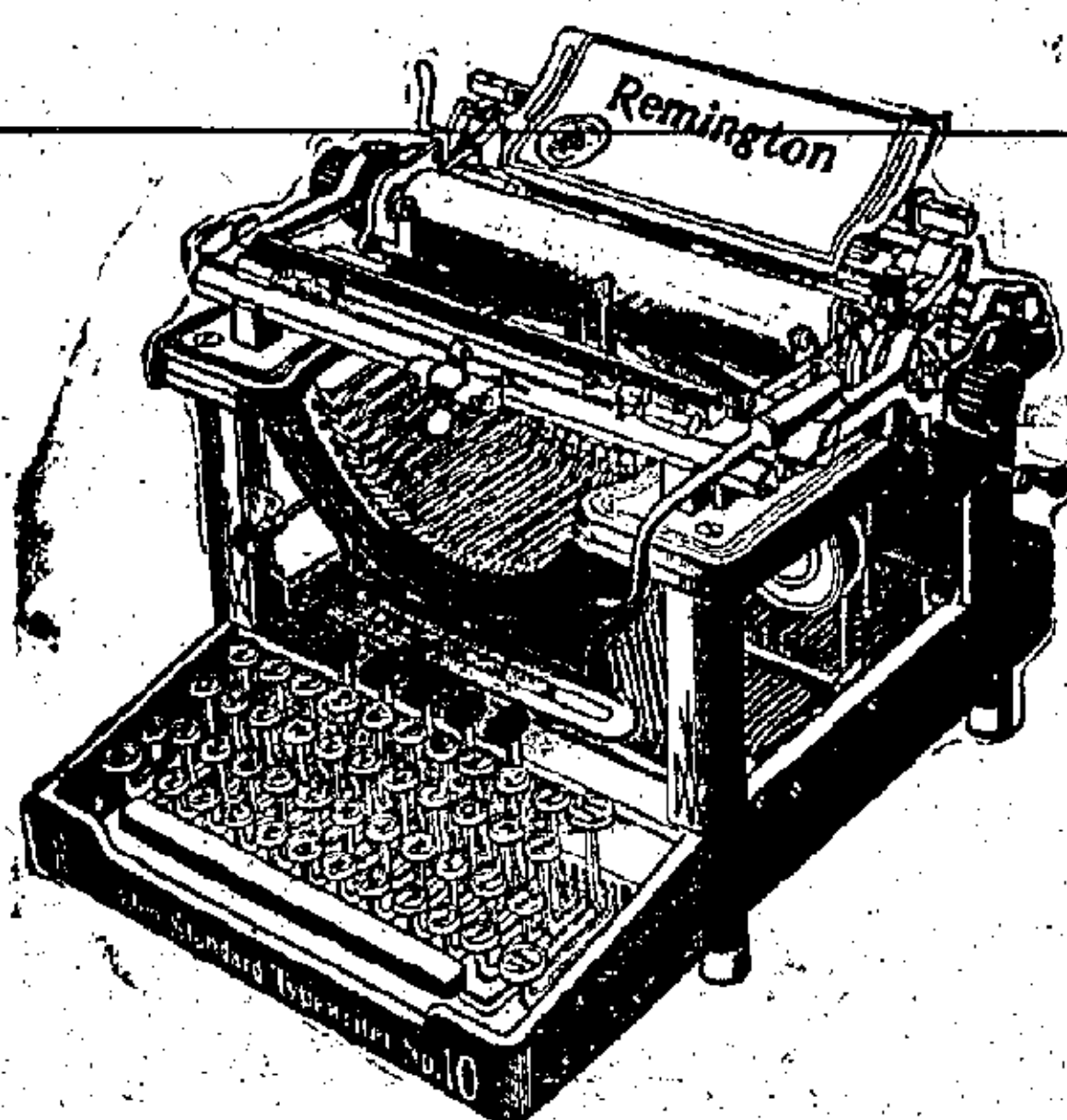
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At about four o'clock, after a luncheon skilfully prepared by the new chef whom Mrs. Glynn-Jennings had engaged at a salary of three figures, Mr. Keller started to call on his cousins. As he rang the bell he was pleasantly aware of the scent of roses coming from the ground-floor window, and above the white muslin blind he caught sight of rows of plants in pots and of a fair head bent over what seemed to be a huge bowl of flowers. The delicious perfume gave him a feeling of sadness and homesickness. Once more he found himself wishing with all his heart and soul to be walking up the narrow, moist pathways out here and there through his fields, now all in bloom, with every shade of crimson, and yellow and pink, and here and there great clusters of snow white roses ready to be cut for a coming bride.

Mrs. Glynn-Jennings, all smiles, sprang up to meet him, in what Hilda considered a too gushing manner. She herself remained sitting with a book in her hand as her mother introduced her to Mr. Keller. But she had put on her prettiest dress, and her cousin thought her a handsome woman, if rather wanting in freshness. Barbara, on the other hand, if not good looking, had an air of jollity that pleased Hans. She was evidently a good comrade, with no nonsense about her.

Mrs. Glynn-Jennings had hoped to find in Mr. Keller a person of more distinguished appearance. His hands were very red, and his way of brushing his hair distressed her. But, after all, she reflected, people wouldn't really mind, and he would soon find out the right thing to do. His face, although so absolutely German, was full of intelligence, and if he were dressed in English clothes, he would have quite a fine figure.

Before Mr. Keller left, it was arranged that he should give a dinner party in ten days' time, the invitations to be sent out by Mrs. Glynn-Jennings, who would also help him to make out the menu, and arrange where the guests should sit at the table.

"And you'll want lots of flowers!" said Barbara. "Mr. Keller, please do employ the lady who lives below us, Mrs. Swan. I believe she does dinner-tables quite beautifully."

"So?"

"Yes, and Miss Cardew, whom she sends out, is, I believe, really an artist. She did the decorations for one of the biggest dances given this season!"

"Certainly, it will give me great pleasure to employ them."

Mr. Keller had hardly taken his departure, before Barbara had run down the stairs, and entered the cool room with its sandal floor, where Mrs. Swan kept her plants and cut flowers. On these small premises she could do little more than show a few specimens of colours, and original designs for tables, and other decorations.

When Barbara entered, the only occupant of the little shop was Miss Cardew, who looked up with rather a wan smile. Her eyes were crimson-rimmed, and her face very white.

"I hope I'm not bothering you?" said Barbara. "I only ran down just to tell you that I have secured an order for Mrs. Swan for a dinner party. It is the house of the man I alluded to. A rich German, and a cousin of ours. I am sure he would like something beautiful, and won't mind the expense!"

A rather brighter smile flickered over Molly Cardew's lips. She had evidently been crying, and her head ached acutely. There were moments when she felt it almost impossible to endure the insolence and ill-temper of Mrs. Swan. The damaged carnations had been the cause of the last outbreak.

"Let me tell you, Miss Cardew," that agreeable lady had screamed, "that if you can afford to spoil expensive blooms like those, I can't! You are getting so idle and careless, I don't intend to put up with it much longer! I can get plenty more like you, and better workers too, for the money. They'd be tumbling over each other to come here. So if you damage any more of my goods, out you go!"

Then Molly's face had grown scarlet. It was galling beyond bearing that she—a lady, whose father had always hoped that she would not have to work for her living, should be at the mercy of this vulgar, cruel woman, who would not scruple to dismiss her, and perhaps refuse to give her any references. Molly's refinement and charm did not recommend her to Mrs. Swan, and although her artistic gifts were very useful in obtaining orders, the fact of Miss Cardew being so constantly praised for them, aroused jealousy and bitterness in the heart of her employer.

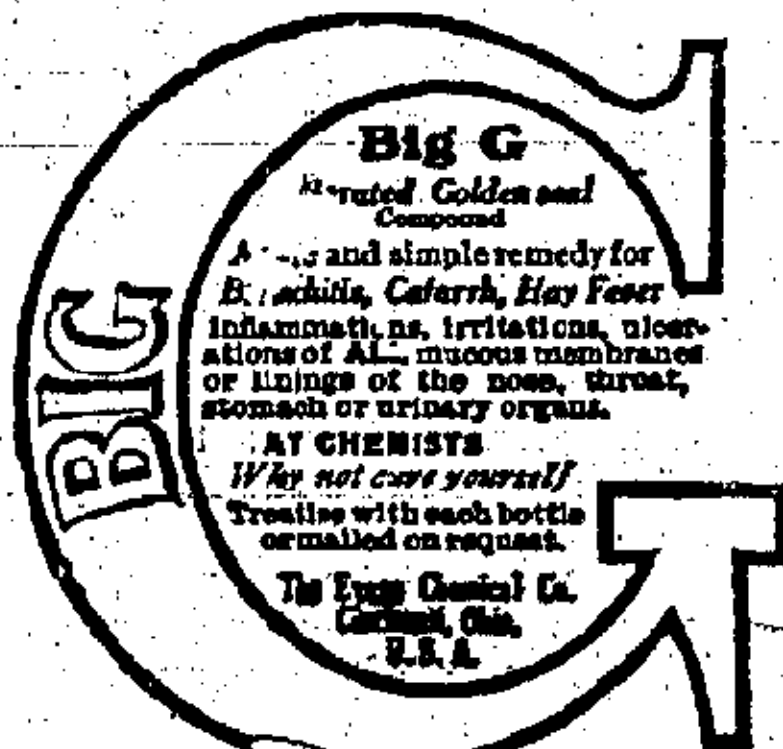
The girl looked up into Barbara's kindly face.

"I am more than grateful to you, Miss Jennings. What sort of decoration do you think will be wanted?"

"Well, Mr. Keller is a great rose-grower. That's his business. He used to sell them for perfumes and ottos, as well as for bouquets. If I were you I would make his house into a perfect rose-garden!"

"Thank you ever so much. I will tell Mrs. Swan—and do my best to satisfy your cousin."

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STEAMERS.	Tons	Starting	1912
SIBERIA	18,000	"	TUESDAY, 16th April, at 1 P.M.
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NIF	11,000	"	TUESDAY, 14th May, at 1 P.M.
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HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG.

FRIDAY, 5th APRIL, 1912.

8 a.m. "HONAM." 8 a.m. "HEUNGSHAN."
10 p.m. "KINSHAN." 5 p.m. "FATSHAN."

SATURDAY, 6th APRIL, 1912.

8 a.m. "HEUNGSHAN." 8 a.m. "HONAM."
10 p.m. "HONAN." 5 p.m. "KINSHAN."

SUNDAY, 7th APRIL, 1912.

10 p.m. "FATSHAN." 4 p.m. "HEUNGSHAN."

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "SUI AN," Tons 1651. S.S. "SUI AN," Tons 1651.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
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SUNDAY, 7th APRIL.

The Company's Steamship

"SUI AN."

Will depart from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 a.m.
Departures from Macao at 5 p.m.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday, leaving at 7.30 a.m.,
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This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 p.m.

FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HOI-SANG," 457 tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 p.m.
Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.

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CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM," 588 tons, and S.S. "NANNING," 569 tons.

One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and
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MAIL SCHEDULE
(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA.	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA.
ALDENHAM	Friday, 5th April.
EMPIRE	Fri., 5th April, 4 p.m.
ST. ALBANS	Sat., 27th April, Noon.

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STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILIWONG	JAVA	—	JAPAN	Second half of March.
TJIPANAS...	AMOY	Second half of March.	JAVA	Second half of March.
TJILATJAP...	JAVA	Second half of March.	SHANGHAI	First half of April.
TJIMANOEK...	JAVA	First half of April.	JAPAN	First half of April.
TJIBODAS...	SHANGHAI	First half of April.	JAVA	First half of April.
TJITABOEM...	JAPAN	First half of April.	JAVA	First half of April.
TJIMAH...	JAVA	Second half of April.	JAVA	Second half of April.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

DESTINATION	STEAMER	Tons	DATE OF SAILING.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, "PEKING"	6,500	On 25th April.
Kobe and MOJI ... "CEYLON"	9,000	About 10th May.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TONS	TO SAIL.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and BREMEN ...	"LUETZOW," Capt. J. BORTFELDT.	17,300	{ Wednesday, 17th April, at Noon.

SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, KOBE and YOKOHAMA ...	"KLEIST," Capt. L. MAASS.	17,000	{ Friday, the 5th April.
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MANILA, ANGAUR, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE ...	"PRINZ WALDEMAR," Capt. H. BREMER.	6,700	{ 9 a.m. 20th April.
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KOBE and YOKOHAMA ...	"COLENZ," Capt. L. KUGAKIST.	6,750	{ About 30th April.
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KUDAT and SANDAKAN ...	"BORNEO," Capt. F. SEMMILL.	5,000	{ Middle of April.
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Hongkong, 4th April, 1912.

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The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams
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kong:—

ADDRESS	FROM
David Peak Hotel ...	Oranorad
Hotel Hongkong Hotel ...	Manila
Hotel Hunt Punjabia ...	London-Sub
George Desbani ...	Manila
Hunolague Fathengkaihow Street ...	Port Louis, Mauritius
John War Connaught Road ...	Prieland

Kungnam ...	Cholon
Koochong ...	Calcutta, Cal.
Konghaplong ...	Manila
Kwongyak ...	Singapore
Lambert ...	Manila

Major Alonzo Gary Steamer	Manila
"Yuenang" ...	Manila
Mansfield ...	Manila
Nichols ...	Manila

Quanglong Bonhan Strind...	Cienfuegos
Quinn Passenger "Korea" ...	Manila
Schillge ...	Manchester
Taytangsang ...	Samarang

Toongyalk Obop Sang Cheong	Kuala Lumpur
"Tronky Main Street"	Bangkok
Yapkenfah 129 Teckpootow	Tientsin
Yuenfat	Bangkok

0058, 3166, 2973, 5887

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 4th at 12.05 p.m.—A depression
which formed over Manchuria yesterday has
deepened considerably in its passage Eastward;
it now lies over Hokkaido.

The anti-cyclone over China has spread
northward.
Fresh N. to N.E. winds may be expected
along the East coast and moderate E. winds
over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at
10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.
The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST.

CHURCH SERVICES.

The Services in St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
To-day, GOOD FRIDAY, will be as follows:—
Litanies and Ante-Communion, 10.15 a.m. Min-
istries and Sermon, 11 a.m. Special Service with
Hymns and Short Addresses on the Seven Last
Words, 2 p.m. Evensong and Address, 5.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. G. H. Howison, B.N. Passion
Music from the "Messiah," 9.15 p.m.
Union Church, Kennedy Road, Minister,
Rev. C. H. Hickling. GOOD FRIDAY, 10 a.m.,
Public Worship.

**HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.**

Hongkong Observatory April 4th.

	Previous On Day at 2 p.m.	Date On at 6 a.m.	Date On at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.01	30.05	30.00
Temperature	77	63	65
Humidity	67	78	79
Wind Direction	East	East	East
Force	2	5	5
Weather	b	o	o
Rain	—	0.00	—

Highest open air Temperature on 3d ... 78

Lowest open air Temperature on 3d ... 63

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 5th to 11th April, 1912.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Day	Week	Days of Month	H'kong Mean Time	Day	Week	Days of Month	H'kong Mean Time
Fri.	5	m 10 37	6 4	m 4 41	2	9	
Sat.	6	m 0 42	4 5	m 4 56	3	3	

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

HANOI, French str., 739, F. Boubier, 4th April—Haiphong 3rd April, General—A. R. Marty.

LINAN, British str., 1,357, G. C. Williams, 3rd April—Shanghai 31st March, General—Butterfield & Swire.

LYEEMOON, German str., 1,285, Halleroff, 4th April—Saigon 30th March, Rice—Hamburg-America Line.

MATRILOS, German str., 891, A. P. Uldrich, 4th April—Haiphong 2nd March, General—Jensen & Co.

TINGKANG, British str., 1,045, J. McGuffog, 4th April—Swatow 3rd April, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
April 5th.

ALDENIA, British str., for Australia.

EMPIRE, British str., for Australia.

MANDARIN MARU, Jap. str., for Formosa.

HAIYANG, British str., for Swatow.

TINGKANG, British str., for Hongkong.

DEPARTURES.

CHENAN, British str., for Shanghai.

DERWENT, British str., for Saigon.

KORBER, Austrian str., for Shanghai.

M. JENSEN, German str., for Haiphong.

SINGAN, British str., for Haiphong.

NOBU MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. S.S. Co. str. *China* from San Francisco was dispatched from Yokohama on the 1st April en route to Hongkong, and is due to arrive at this port on the 8th April.

The P.M. S.S. Co. str. *Manchuria* sailed from San Francisco, on March 21st, en route to Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on April 21st.

The T.K.K. str. *Chigo Maru* with U.S. mails, sailed from San Francisco on Wednesday, the 27th ult., and is expected to arrive here on April 23rd.

The P.M. S.S. str. *Nile* sailed from San Francisco on the 3rd April, for Hongkong via Honolulu, etc., and is due to arrive here on the 30th April.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. & A. str. *St. Albans* from Sydney, etc., left Port Darwin on the 26th ult., for Manila and this port, and was due at Manila on 1st April.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Kleist*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 6th March, left Singapore on Sunday, at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 5th April, at 6 a.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Apar str. *Gregory Apar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on Tuesday afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 8th April.

THE MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The P. & O. Co. str. *Palawan* left Singapore for this port on the 1st April, at 8 a.m., and is due here on the 6th April, at about 5 a.m.

The Seang Line str. *Seangchoon* left Rangoon on the 30th March, at p.m., for Hongkong via Penang and Singapore, and is expected to arrive here on the 12th April, at p.m.

The str. *Glenrae* passed the Suez Canal on the 19th ult., and is due here on or about 20th April.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co. str. *Peking* left Port Said on the 28th March, and is expected here on the 28th April.

The T.K.K. str. *Hongkong Maru* will be despatched from Canton on the 19th ult., for Hongkong, and is expected here on the 23rd May.

The "Mogul" Line str. *Lothian* left United Kingdom on the 13th ult., for Hongkong via the Straits.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
Fultala, from Rangoon, is due in Hongkong 12th April.

The N.Y.K. str. *Hakata Maru* (Bomby Line) left Singapore for this port on the 2nd April, and is expected here on the 8th April.

PASSED THE CANAL.

February 27th—Atholl, Bencon, Lutzow, Matoppo, Namur, March 1st—Antiochus, Goeben, Hirano Maru, Ningchow, Polynesien, Sachsen, Segonia, Deike Rickmers, 5th—Flintshire, Hinzalaya, Itachi Maru, Kanagawa, Nippon, Baron Innerdale, 8th—Ara Aragona, Astyanax, Benlamont, C. Ferd Loew, Gauges, Palawan, Ping Suez, Sydney, 12th—Benary, Laertes, Persia, Sambla, Madura, 15th—Derfflinger, Errol, Kleist, Tanga Maru, Ville de la Ciotat, Arcadia, Lovat, 16th—Erherzog Franz Ferdinand, Glenrae, Miyazaki Maru, Megumi, Peshawar, Socotra, Thecus, Tanganyika, 22nd—Calchas, Ernest Simons, Idomeneus, Pathan, Sazonia, Sileria, 25th—Benedi, Noroco, Kawachi Maru, Peking, Priam, Scandia, Sthonia, 29th—Bellerophon, Diomed, Kamo Maru, Lothian, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Prinz Ludwig, Salsuma, Yarra, 2nd April—Andalusia, Inverclyde, Kikano Maru, Nile, Patroclus, Stentor, Teucer, Rhesus.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

March 29th—Benleuch, Derfflinger, Ernest Simons, Idomeneus, Sazonia, Sileria, Thecus.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "1," nearest Hongkong "2," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "3," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "4," together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Black Pig. 3. From Black Pig to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & REG.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUMATRA	Brit. str.	—	W. R. Le Mare, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 17th inst.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	G. C. Gundy	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 10th inst.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	O. J. D. ARLERS	Ger. str.	k. w.	Grunan	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th inst.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SCADIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Loening	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th inst.
HAYE & HAMBURG	BELOAVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 11th inst.
HAYE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	C. FRED. LARSEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	Solner	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 10th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. Tabusa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst., at D'light.
MARSEILLES, HAYE & HAMBURG, &c.	SACHSEN	Ger. str.	—	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 29th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN &c.	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	—	Kotato	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 27th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TACOMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Toranaka	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at 1 p.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	SANUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Bartfeldt	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 9th inst., at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERA, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON	PANAMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at 1 p.m.
TRIESTE, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, &c.	LUTZOW	Ger. str.	—	—	WILHELM & Co.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
NEW YORK	KORBER	Am. str.	—	—	SAUNDERS, WILHELM & Co.	On 19th inst., at 5 p.m.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	MONTROSE	Am. str.	—	—	THE BANK LINE LTD.	About 23rd inst.
VANCOUVER, I.L.C. SHANTON & PORTLAND, &c.	KALOMO	Am. str.	—	—	THE BANK LINE LTD.	On 11th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	RYOJA	Brit. str.	—	—	THE BANK LINE LTD.	On 18th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 20th inst., at 6 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTROSE	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 1st inst., at 6 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	SHINTO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. S. Smith	TOYO KAISEN KAISHA	On 9th inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	CHINA	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 23rd inst., at 1 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	STEBRIA	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 16th inst., at 1 p.m.
ODERSA	SHIRI	Hun. str.	—	K. Lovonius	BRADLEY & Co.	About 8th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	ALPHABET	Brit. str.	—	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	—	M. Winkler	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUNYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Bremer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at 9 a.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	Hori	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TENSHIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Murai	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th inst., at 11 a.m.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MIYASAKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Chidley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	FULTALA	Brit. str.	—	L. Klugkist	MELBOURNE & Co.	About 30th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	COLEMAN	Ger. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KAISEN KAISHA	On 9th inst.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILEAN VIA JAPAN	BUYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch
JAPAN	TULIOWSKI	Dut. str.	1 m.	Van D. Jallik	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 h.	H. A. Wall	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th inst., at 4 p.m.
SINGTAU & NEWCHANG	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. Meathrel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th inst., at 4 p.m.
NINGPO & CHINKIANG	WURU	Brit. str.	—	Kotato	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	—	L. Mass	MELBOURNE & Co.	About 5th inst.
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KLEIST	Ger. str.	—	C. O. Williams	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Mid'night.
SHANGHAI	LINAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	O. R. Longdon R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 7th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PAWAN	Brit. str.	—	W. F. Richard	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 7th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	M. Nomura	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Courtney	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 11th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	CHONGHANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Benson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	CHINLUA	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 11th inst.
SHANGHAI	ANLUI	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. B. Harris	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at M'night.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	KUANG	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	PRIMO	Swed. str.	—	—	ARTHUR NILSSON & Co.	On 25th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	CEYLON	Swed. str.	—	—	ARTHUR NILSSON & Co.	About 10th inst.
SHANGHAI	TILANJAP	Dut. str.	—	Roy	JAVA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
TAKOW (FORMOSA)	KAGOSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Wade	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th inst.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	KAGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst., at Noon.
TAMU VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 7th inst., at Noon.
SWATOW	HAIMON	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. H. Stewart	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 7th inst., at 10 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	To-day, at 11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Fennimore	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 9th inst., at 11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. S. Beach	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 12th inst., at 11 a.m.
MANILA	TAKING	Brit. str.	1 m.	P. H. Bolle	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 2 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	BUBI	Am. str.	—	Pennothor	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst., at 4 p.m.
MANILA, MANGARIN, ILOILO & CEBU	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. A. Crosby	SEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 10th inst., at 4 p.m.
MANILA, MANGARIN, ILOILO & CEBU	ZAPITO	Am. str.	—	Leak	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 13th inst., at 2 p.m.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TAIPANAS	Dut. str.	—	M. C. Smith	SEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 20th inst., at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	J. B. v. Damme Jellib	JAVA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON	WARDHA	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Tadd	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 10th inst., at Noon.
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BOENGO	Brit. str.	—	F. Samhill	MELBOURNE & Co.	Middle of April.
HAIPHONG	SUKHLANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Melville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th inst., at 10 a.m.
KWANG CHOW WANG & HAIPHONG	SI-KIANG	Frer. str.	—	E. de Catalano	MAGNIES MARITIMES	On 10th inst., at Noon.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR
* MANILA via SWATOW Saturday, 6th April, 2 p.m.
* SHANGHAI via SWATOW Sunday, 7th April, D'light.
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA via SWATOW Wednesday, 10th April, Noon.
* SHANGHAI via SWATOW Thursday, 11th April, Noon.
* MANILA via SWATOW Friday, 12th April, 2 p.m.
* SANDAKAN via SWATOW Saturday, 13th April, 2 p.m.
* SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI via SWATOW Sunday, 14th April, Noon.
* SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI via SWATOW Monday, 15th April, Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN, (OCCUPYING 24 DAYS).

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMRANG," and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Bangkok and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong.

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EASTWARD.

The S.S. "FULTALA," 4,154 tons, Captain H. Chidley, due at Hongkong from Rangoon on 11th April, will be despatched for KOBE the 12th April, at Noon, taking Cargo and Passengers at Current Rates. To be followed by S.S. "FAZILKA," 4,152 tons, Captain W. H. Whittingham.

WESTWARD.

The S.S. "WARDHA" will leave Hongkong for SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON on the 11th April, 1912, at Noon, followed by the S.S. "MUTTRA," on 25th April, taking Cargo and Passengers at Current Rates.

The above Steamers have excellent saloon accommodation for passengers and are fitted with all modern conveniences.

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FOR VANCOUVER. 1912. "EMPEROR OF INDIA" Sat., 20th Apr. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN" Sat., 11th May. "MONTREAL" Sat., 1st June. "EMPEROR OF INDIA" Sat., 22nd June.

FOR LIVERPOOL. 1912. "EMPEROR OF IRELAND" Fri., 17th May. "ALLAN LINE" Fri., 7th June. "EMPEROR OF BRITAIN" Fri., 28th June. "ALLAN LINE" Fri., 19th July.

Steamships leave HONGKONG at 5 p.m. THE direct route to CANADA, UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI (through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN) KOBE, YOKOHAMA and VICTORIA, B.C. Connecting at VANCOUVER with a Mail Express, and at QUEBEC with the Company's Atlantic "EMPEROR" Steamships, 14,500 tons register, thus providing a comfortable and speedy through route to Europe.

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THE AMERICAN AND MANHURIAN LINE.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK. (With liberty to proceed via the Cape of Good Hope.)

THE Steamship "KALOMO." Captain Kealey, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 11th April. For Freight, etc., apply to THE BANK LINE, Ltd., General Agents. Hongkong, 11th March, 1912. [405]

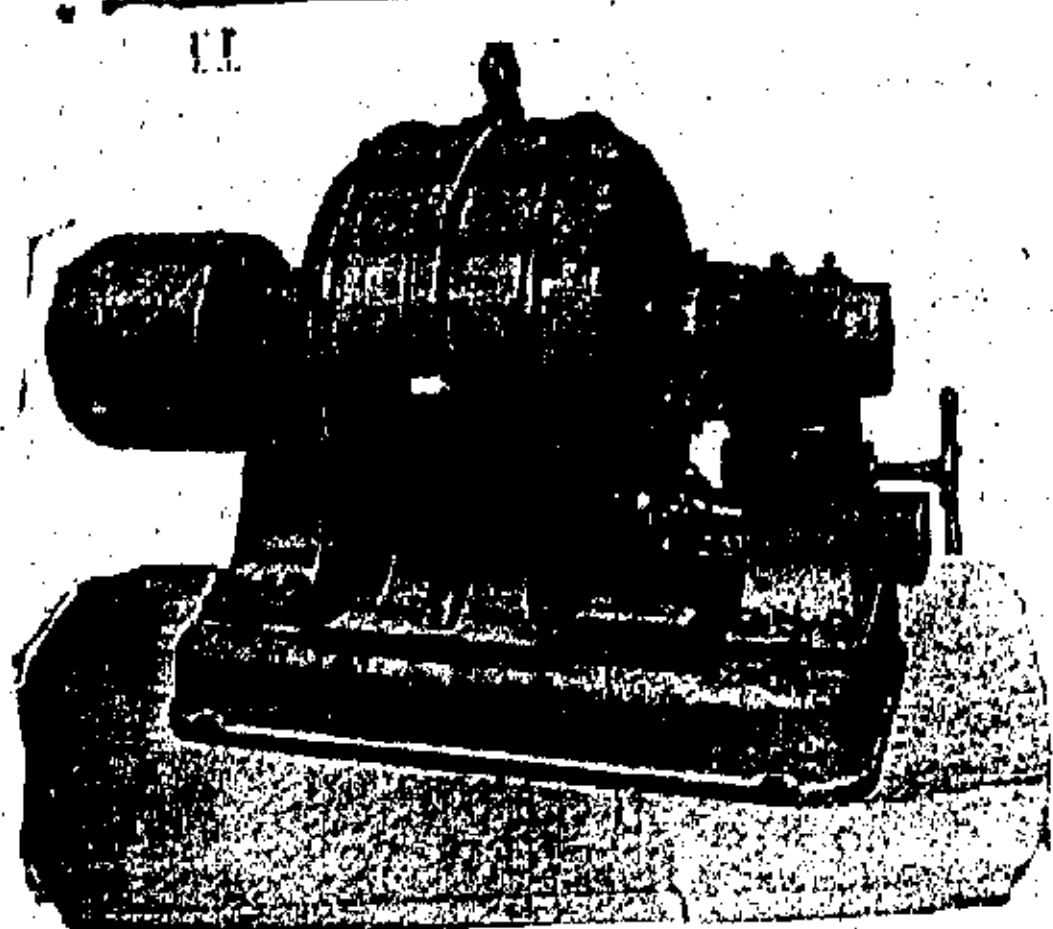
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Captain E. P. Martin, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 13th April, 1912, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Co.'s str. "MALOJA," 10,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, Tea and Cargo for London (under arrangement) will be tranship



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POST OFFICE NOTICE

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Good Friday, the 5th inst., and Monday, the 8th inst., being Public Holidays, and Saturday, the 6th inst., being a Government Holiday, the Post Office will be open as follows:—
On Good Friday, from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m.
On Saturday, the 6th inst., from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m., and from 4 p.m. till 6 p.m. for the dispatch of the Siberian Mail to Europe.
On Easter Monday, from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m.
There will be one delivery of letters and a collection from the Pillar Boxes on each day.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.
In the event of the arrival of the German Mail, from Europe on Good Friday, or the French Mail, from Europe on Monday, a delivery of letters, etc., will be made on each occasion.

Only fully prepaid Letters and post cards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN ROUTE TO EUROPE.
Letters for this route should be superscribed via SIBERIA.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended: Hupeh, Hunan and Tientsin.

The *Kleist*, with the German Mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 31st March, at 4 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The *Chinkua*, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here on Sunday, the 7th inst.

TO	PER	DATE
Timor, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand...	<i>Empire</i> ...	Friday, 5th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand...	<i>Aldenharn</i> ...	Friday, 5th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Foochow...	<i>Haiyang</i> ...	Friday, 5th, 9.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA and JAPAN via NAGASAKI...	<i>Kleist</i> ...	Friday, 5th, 9.00 A.M.
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	<i>Mandarin Maru</i> ...	Friday, 5th, 9.00 A.M.
Formosa via Takao...	<i>Yuenan</i> ...	Saturday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands...	<i>Maitide</i> ...	Saturday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
Hokkaido, Haiphong and Pakhoi...	<i>Hanoi</i> ...	Saturday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
Haiphong and Pakhoi...	<i>Kwongkong</i> ...	Saturday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow...	<i>Liman</i> ...	Saturday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China...	<i>Daig Maru</i> ...	Sunday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	<i>Haimun</i> ...	Sunday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa...	<i>Sungkiang</i> ...	Sunday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA and JAPAN via Kobe...	<i>Ville de la Ciotat</i> ...	Monday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	<i>Sanuki Maru</i> ...	Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China Japan via Moji (Wash.)...	<i>Haiching</i> ...	Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Foochow...	<i>Shinyo Maru</i> ...	Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN, HONGKONG, UNITED STATES, CANADA and SOUTH AMERICA via SAN FRANCISCO (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)

SAIGON, STRAITS, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT and AUSTRALIA via MARSABIT. Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail. Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON Extra Postage 10 cents

Philippine Islands...	<i>Taming</i> ...	Tuesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin...	<i>Kueichow</i> ...	Tuesday, 9th, 3.00 P.M.
Japan, via Moji, Honolulu and South America...	<i>Buho Maru</i> ...	Tuesday, 9th, 4.00 P.M.
Straits and Ceylon...	<i>Kaga Maru</i> ...	Tuesday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Fort Bayard, Haiphong, and Pakhoi...	<i>St. Kiang</i> ...	Wednesday, 10th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow...	<i>Haimun</i> ...	Wednesday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits and India via Calcutta...	<i>Yantai Maru</i> ...	Wednesday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Nagasaki...	<i>Wuhu</i> ...	Wednesday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Kingpo...	<i>Shachang</i> ...	Wednesday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Tientsin...	<i>Rubi</i> ...	Wednesday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands...	<i>Choyang</i> ...	Thursday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China...	<i>Wardha</i> ...	Thursday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits and India via Calcutta...	<i>Chinkua</i> ...	Thursday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China...	<i>Baitan</i> ...	Friday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Foochow...	<i>Fukata</i> ...	Friday, 12th, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Kobe...		

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON	April 4th.
Telegraphic Transfer	111 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	111 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	111 1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight	111 1/2
Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight	111 1/2
ON PARIS	
Bank Bills, on demand	244 1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight	249
ON GERMANY	
On demand	198 1/2
ON NEW YORK	
Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
Credit, at 60 days' sight	46 1/2
ON BOMBAY	
Telegraphic Transfer	144 1/2
Bank, on demand	144 1/2
ON CALCUTTA	
Telegraphic Transfer	144 1/2
Bank, on demand	144 1/2
ON SHANGHAI	
Bank, at sight	72 1/2
Credit, 30 days' sight	73 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA	
On demand	94 1/2
ON MANILA	
On demand	95 1/2
ON SINGAPORE	
On demand	82 1/2
ON BATAVIA	
On demand	116 1/2
ON HAIKONG	
On demand	1 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON	
On demand	3 1/2
ON BANGKOK	
On demand	79 1/2
GOVERNMENTS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.50
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per teel	\$55.90
BAR SILVER, per oz.	\$27 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

	per cent.
Chinese	20 cents pieces
Chinese	10 "
Hongkong	20 "
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MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

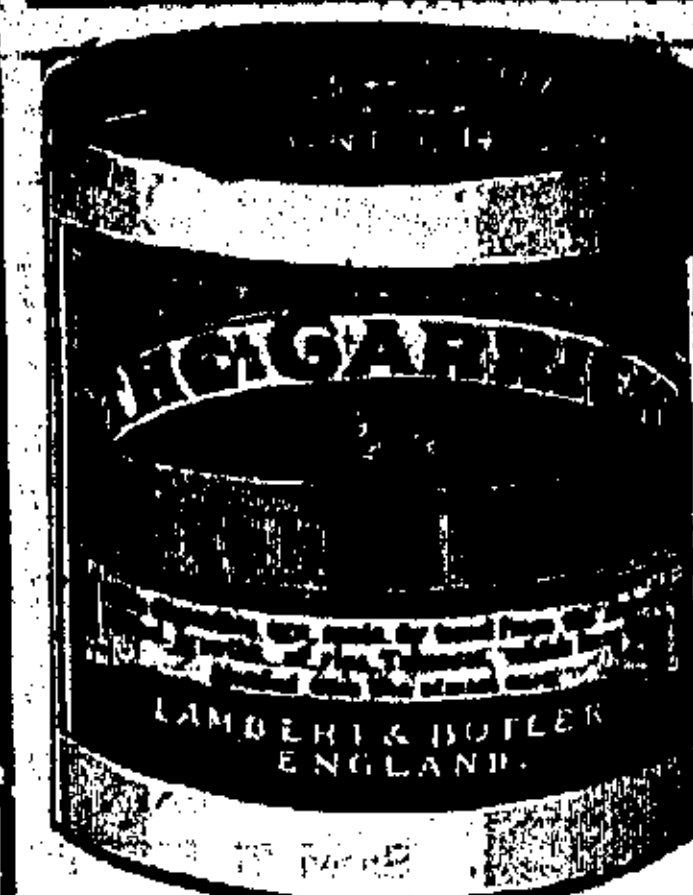
London	Due Shanghai
March 18th.	April 2nd.
March 19th.	April 5th.

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS. HONGKONG, APRIL 4TH, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASE.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$855 (L'don) \$83
China Bank Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$10, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$1.20
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	all	\$7 1/2, buyers
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 91
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$5, sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$20 1/2, buyers
DOCK AND WHARVES.				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$57, sellers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$44, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$64	all	\$64, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 54
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 37
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$43, x. div. bu.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$22
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$25 1/2, buyers
Manila Metropolitan Hotel Limited	15,000	P. 10	all	\$81
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$1205
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	15,000	\$10	all	\$17
Hongkong & South China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2, buyers
INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$200
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$127, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83 1/2	\$25	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$351
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 145
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$250, buyers
Yantai Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$210, Ex 75
LAND AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$101, buyers
Hampden's Estate and Building Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$63, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$30
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 38
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$53 1/2, buyers
Manchukoppo tot Mija, Boshon	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 75, sellers
Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat				
MINING.				
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	\$7 1/2, buyers
Tonghai Mines, Limited	160,000	\$1	all	\$7 1/2, buyers
Heavwood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	715,280	2 1/2	all	\$4, sales
Reno Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$10	all	\$12 1/2
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$1.20
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$110, sales
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$30, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$12, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$24 1/2, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$77 1/2, 155
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all	102 1/2, x. rights
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$59, buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$22
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$6, sellers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$25
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$5, sales
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$3
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$5 1/2, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
Gande Price & Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$40
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin	15,000	\$10	all	\$10
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$4	\$300.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fath.	\$10	all	\$74
RUBBER.				
Para Rubber in London				4 1/2 per lb., sellers.
Loans.				
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.
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Public Holiday.				
TO-MORROW				
9.15 p.m.—Bandmann Opera Co., at the Theatre				
Royal—"A Waltz Dream."				
FORTHCOMING EVENTS.				
Tuesday, 9th April—Auction of Crown Land at Tai Hang, by Public Works Dept., 3 p.m.				
Tuesday, 9th April—Auction of Crown Land near Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1157, by Public Works Dept., 3 p.m.				
Thursday, 11th April—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture at Sales Rooms, by Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 2.30 p.m.				
Tuesday, 23rd April—Thirty-Ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Noon.				
Tuesday, 23rd April—Forty-Sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.				
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Malwa Older	...	\$3,500,352	"	
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Parian fine quality	...	\$1,800	"	
Parian extra fine	...	\$3,000	"	
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Banar Old	...	\$3,900	"	

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